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Application of: MESSERLI *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 7121

Application No.: 09/497,123

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Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino

For: END MEMBER FOR A BONE FUSION  
IMPLANT

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-114-999

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated April 30, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-captioned application.

No fee is believed due for this submission. Should any fee(s) be required, however, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 501013.

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